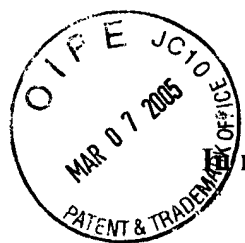


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Sir:

This Communication is submitted in response to the Office communication mailed February 23, 2005. The Office communication identified the applicants' Request for Continued Examination submission of September 20, 2004, and stated that the Amendment earlier submitted (evidently on November 11, 2004) was non-responsive as directing the claims to a different invention. Applicants respectfully traverse the Office communication and request reconsideration.

Per applicants' interview with the Examiner on February 8, 2005, applicants faxed an AMENDMENT to the then official fax number of Group 1600 addressing the issues raised in the Office communication mailed February 23, 2005. Applicants also faxed a courtesy copy of the

AMENDMENT to the Examiner's personal fax number. A copy of the AMENDMENT thus filed with the Office on February 16, 2005 is submitted herewith for the convenience and consideration of the Examiner. The AMENDMENT is believed to address the issues raised in the Office communication.

If questions remain after consideration of the foregoing, the Office is kindly requested to contact applicants' attorney at the address or telephone number given herein.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allen C. Turner", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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